# The Village of Northfield REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-amended minutes August 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

Mayor Nehez asked for a moment of silence for resident Virgil Thaxton who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL was read by Timothy Clymer, Finance Director. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Linda Bowen, Nicholas Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, Alan E. Hipps and Ethan Miladinovic. Beatrice Greenlee was absent. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Village Police Lt. Jamie Mackie, Fire Chief Jason Buss and Finance Director Tim Clymer was also present. Village Engineer Richard Wasosky and Service, Building & Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters were not in attendance.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion for approval of the August 13, 2014 minutes was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 5 ayes.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Fire fighter Kevin Kulesa and Captain Colt Eberling gave a report on the MDA boot fundraiser that the Village fire department will be having from August 29-August 31, and they will close each side of Route 8 down to one lane to make boot collections.

Grace Incorvia a resident of the Village stated that she inquired with the police department to identify a telephone line worker, and that the officer treated her with disrespect and she didn't get the information.

Vicky Salsbury, resident of 319 Ledge Rd., spoke regarding the ATV ordinance. Vicky questioned Linda Bowen about her statement about Mr. Trisnar, and that he is no longer a resident of the Village. Linda Bowen stated that she was well aware that he doesn't live here the statement she made was about Mr. Trisnar goes back to when Victor Milani was Mayor. Vicky stated that no one knows the accurate number of ATV complaints? She said that she wanted to know how Streetsboro and Aurora both have insurance to cover skate parks, and is the Village not taking the extra step? Vicky also stated, how can an ordinance regulate what residents can do in their own yard, but can't control people living rent free in foreclosed homes in the Village? She suggested to Council to regulate ATV's with permits, and she also feels that council was not well educated when considering this ordinance. Vicky said she would like to see some type of action.

#### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

Chief Buss introduced Jordan Jachna, a new paramedic/firefighter, who came with positive review from Chief Risko.

Brad Bryan read legislation Resolution 2014-46, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's appointment of Jordan Jachna as a part-time fire fighter. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Linda Bowen, carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Alan Hipps, and passed with 5 aye votes.

Chief Buss then swore Jordan in to the fire department and welcomed him.

- A. MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ reported that there is new signage behind the plaza and there are galvanized posts being put in. He said that the demolition work on the building next door to the town hall has started. Mayor said that there will be sandblasting and repainting of the fire hydrants in the Village. He also stated that they will be putting up new flags on Route 8 and that the repaving will begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Resident Phil Kneziak questioned the traffic on Route 8 and Lt. Mackie explained that it will be a night time project and there will be no closures. Mr. Kneziak also asked if when the police are on his street if they could back up further behind the curb. Lt. Mackie stated that there are new officers and he will address that situation.
- **B. FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER** said that he submitted the sewer maintenance bill Ordinance to be considered by Council. He also pointed out a couple large expenses on the August pay ordinance to Walton Hills for sewer fees and First Merit for the first of two equipment lease payments.
- C. ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY, will be at the next meeting of September 10, 2014.

#### D. LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN, had no report.

Mayor Nehez asked Brad how he was moving along with the rental property ordinance? Brad said that the draft is done to amend the code for single-family rented properties to hold absentee landlords accountable for owning run-down properties. The building/zoning inspector is reviewing the draft. Brad stated that the effective date is July 1, 2014. The first inspections done in May, before rental certificate Ordinance would go into effect on July 1st. Brad said hopefully this will be on the agenda for the next meeting of September 10, 2014.

Mayor Nehez emphasized that he wants this Ordinance to go for three readings with exposure on the website.

#### **E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- 1. Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz, was not at meeting.
- Lt. Mackie was present and reported that there were six applicants that took the test, two failed the physical so they are starting background checks on four applicants.
- Lt. Mackie said that they have been helping the Building/Zoning Department with enforcing their codes on rental properties.
- Lt. Mackie elaborated on the special attention they are paying to Ledge Rd., the attention has lowered traffic congestion at school hours and decreased road rage complaints. Mayor Nehez stated that Council is aware of the positive work that the police department does.

Mayor Nehez thanked the police department for looking into the violations with Jason Walters.

- 2. Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss, gave his report. (See attached)
- 3. **Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters,** was not at meeting. Mayor Nehez stated what a terrific job Jason's departments are doing.

#### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

- A. PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS, had no report.
- **B. RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ,** stated that they will be meeting Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to discuss an Easter egg hunt, the Christmas program along with the fire department and a movie night during the summer in the parks.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN,** had Brad Bryan read Ordinance 2014-45, an emergency Ordinance approving the payment of the bills for the month ending August 2014. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Nick Magistrelli, passed with 5 ayes.

Linda Bowen reported that the next Finance meeting will be September 24, 2014 at 6:30pm.

**ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC** read his report. (See attached)

Mayor Nehez complemented Mr. Miladinovic on his report and the report to the residents. Mayor Nehez thinks that it is wonderful how Ethan responds to the residents in his ward.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH,** had no report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS, had no report.

Mayor Nehez enjoyed Mr. Hipps "Lawn Up Ward A" program.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI had no report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE was absent. Linda Bowen said there was no report.

#### **LEGISLATION:**

Brad read Resolution 2014-47, an emergency Resolution directing the certification of delinquent sewer maintenance bills to the county fiscal officer for placement on the tax duplicate. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Alan Hipps, carried with 5 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic and passed with 5 aye votes.

Brad read Proclamation 2014-48, a Proclamation honoring former superintendent of Service, Virgil Thaxton upon his passing. A motion for passage was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Alan Hipps, passed with 5 ayes.

Mayor Nehez stated "I wish I knew Virgil longer than I did. I enjoyed his sarcastic sense of humor, he was pleasant to me and pleasant to this town, he deserves this".

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ethan Miladinovic stated that the video and audio recording for the Council chambers for meetings would be \$4,876 for materials alone.

Mayor Nehez stated that he respects Council's decision on the ATV ordinance and how they voted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nehez stated that on September 14, 2014 from 11am-4pm at Hot Heads salon in Northfield Ctr., they will be having a "Dunk The Mayor" event to support awareness for breast cancer and he hopes to see Council there to support a good cause.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT -

A motion for adjournment at 8:24p.m. was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Alan Hipps and passed with 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beatrice Greenlee

President of Council

Attest:

Lisa M. Rodriguez

Clerk of Council

## The Village of Northfield Fire Department

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August 26, 2014

#### **Activity Report**

- A detailed copy of fire department activity is available upon request.
- As of *August 26, 2014*, NVFD responded to a total of **416** incidents. We are on track to run 650 emergency calls for service this year, which would be a 33% increase in call volume over 2013. **350** of those incidents were EMS related and **66** incidents were FIRE related.
- NVFD has provided mutual aid for 19 incidents, provided automatic aid 15 times, and received mutual aid for 12 incidents
- NVFD's average response time from time of call till time on scene is 3:52\*
  - NVFD has had some long response times due to mutual aide incidents with long travel distances

#### Fire Inspector / Prevention Report

- Fire Prevention is currently focusing on completing annual fire inspections. Some key structures that recently received inspections are Lee Eaton Elementary, Northfield Park Race Track, Hard Rock Rocksino and several restaurants. Follow up visits are planned for all the cited structures.

### Department News

- Jordan Jachna Hiring
- MDA Event Firefighters have teamed up with MDA of Northeast Ohio to host a collection event in front of the fire station. Permission planning support was received from ODOT. Members are here to tell you more about the event.
- Engine 3513 –Fire Engine is back in service after two weeks. It received extensive repairs to the pump, impellers, packings and suspension. It passed its annual pump test
- Hard Rock Rocksino NVFD responded to 90 medical incidents and 0 fire incidents Since January 1, 2014. NVFD anticipates a call volume increase of about 200 calls in 2014 due to the Rocksino.
- NVFFA Clambake Firefighters clambake is September 6 @ Scoreboards, tickets are available!



Road and public works report: 3/17/14.

The service department has began replacing the stop signs east of route 8. When all is complete there will be marching galvanized posts throughout the whole village for all signs. We are replacing signs for no parking on village streets with new ones that mention all three reasons where and when not to park to climinate several of the single use signs. Those are: no parking on fire hydrant side, between 2 and 5 am, and when snow exceeds 2 inches. The department is also working on repairing catch basins. Route 3 resurfacing has been pushed to starting Tuesday night 8pm — bunday through Thursday nights. Patching is still on schedule and they are working on entring and milling out bad areas and repaying larger ones.

